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## *LIBRETTO*

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### Symphony Village's Newsletter

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE**—*Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Carolyn Harty & Margo Wagner, Co-Vice Chairs*

- **July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic**—Regrettably, the picnic has been canceled due to lack of interest. People are still free to use the Clubhouse and pool facilities and celebrate the Fourth of July with their families on their own. There will be a parade at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to decorate his or her vehicle, motorized or pedal powered, and join in the fun.
- **Antique Appraisal Road Show at the SV Clubhouse**—Saturday, June 20, 1-5 p.m. Sign up at the Clubhouse. (Stay for Happy Hour after the Show.)

Todd Peenstra from Peenstra Antiques Appraisal will be conducting a free “Antique Appraisal Road Show” for us on Saturday, June 20. This event will take place in the ballroom from 1-5 p.m. Our Happy Hour follows at 6 p.m.! Appraisal is limited to two items per household. According to his brochure, Todd specializes in almost all categories of fine art and antiques including silver, glass, sculpture, jewelry, stamps, clocks, porcelain, ceramics, pottery, furniture, musical instruments, toys, documents,

scientific antiques, and more. Please sign up in the Activities Book for this unique and free way to spend an afternoon and discover information about your belongings.

- **Details on the Event:**

- There will be two shows. Each show will accommodate up to 40 people. Spaces are still available for the second show.
- The first show will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will involve the first 40 people who have signed up for the event in the Activities Book.
- These first 40 people need to be at the event at 1 p.m. to reserve their spots.
- During this first show, Mr. Peenstra will appraise all of the items brought in by this first group in an enjoyable, interactive way.
- At 3 p.m., there will be a 30-minute intermission. During this time, the second 40 people who have signed up for the event in the Activities Book will need to be at the event to reserve their spots.
- The second show will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and will involve the next 40 people who signed up for the event in the Activities Book.
- During this second show, Mr. Peenstra will appraise all of the items brought in by this second group in an enjoyable, interactive way.
- There will be light refreshments served during this event.
- Remember, this is a FREE event!

- **Happy Hour**—Saturday, June 20 at 6 p.m.

- **Happy Hour**—Friday, July 3 at 6 p.m. hosted and catered by Jack Hennesey for Joan's birthday. Come at 6 p.m. to wish Joan a Happy Birthday. Please sign up in the Activities Book.

- **Next Meeting: Lifestyle Committee**—July 6 at 7 p.m. We meet on the first Monday of every month and welcome new members at any time!

- **Upcoming Events & Activities in the Planning Stage—**

- **Short Term:**

- **Wine Tasting Event** planned for Sunday, June 28, hosted by Susan Rayner. The event will run from 2-4 p.m. and will feature Boordy wines. This event is for SV residents only. There will be no sale of wine and no orders will be taken.
- **Trivial Pursuit Team Contest** has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 30, from 2-5 p.m. Come out for some brain-stimulating group fun!
- **Group Trip to Suicide Bridge Restaurant** in Hurlock for a two-hour paddleboat ride and lunch. The cost will be \$36 and includes a served luncheon of chicken, crab cake, vegetable, dessert, soft drink, tax and tip. Alcoholic beverages are available for an extra charge. We hope to soon announce a date in September. More information will be forthcoming.

- **Longer Term:**

- **A 9-11 Museum Trip** to New York is scheduled for October 10 that will include Ellis Island and Little Italy. More details to follow. \$105 per person with bagel breakfast and dinner in Little Italy on your own. Sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.
- **Rockettes/Radio City Music Hall Show**—Two trips—Friday, December 4, and Friday, December 11. \$105 per person. Dinner possibly at the world famous Harold's Deli—home of the gargantuan portions!!
- **New Year's Eve**—DJ hired for party at great price!

- **Need Hosts for Happy Hours—It's Easier Than You Think!** This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the step-by-step guide in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. You can select a theme, if you wish, which we will advertise. You will greet people as they arrive, enjoy yourself through the evening and help with simple cleanup at the end. If interested, please sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carolyn Harty or Margo Wagner to register. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and can help.

- **Happy Hour Bartenders!**—We are always looking for bartenders to help out at Happy Hours. Receive on-the-job training while you enjoy serving your fellow residents. Please sign up in the Activities Book to bartend for a shift! Feel free to call Skip Kornmeyer or Donna Donaldson at 443-262-8090 for details.



- **Lunch Bunch—The July Lunch Bunch** is scheduled for the Bayard House in Chesapeake City on Thursday, July 16 at 12:30 pm. The Bayard House is located at 11 Bohemia Avenue. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. You don't need to climb steps to get into the restaurant. Chesapeake City is a delightful town on the water with a collection of boutiques and stores for shopping. Please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 or Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 if you have questions, need directions, or need a ride. Everyone is invited!



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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**—*Ed Frey, Chair*

**Symphony Village Irrigation Informational Update Report**

The irrigation report is developed every Wednesday so that we have a consistent and accurate flow of information. As the title of the report indicates, we “monitor” or track our cumulative water usage versus the 12-million-gallon cap. If the report indicates we’re using our allotment too quickly (due to limited rainfall), we know that we may need to limit our irrigation for a period of time in order to “bank” some of the allocation for later in the summer and fall. The summer is clearly the time of the year when we can go weeks without measurable rainfall. If we don’t get consistent rain, there may be times we don’t irrigate at all for a period of time in order to conserve for future weeks.

Our management will make every effort to communicate not only the irrigation schedule, but also when we need to conserve and not irrigate. Last summer was unusual in that we had an abundance of rain and only used between eight and nine million gallons of water.

We feel it is important that the residents understand the limitations based on our 12-million-gallon cap. We will do everything possible to keep the system working and to communicate when an issue does arise.

I hope this information helps you better understand some of the issues we’re dealing with regarding our irrigation system, the 12-million-gallon cap, and how we plan to monitor our usage and manage our irrigation to insure we don’t exceed our allotment.

## **OUTREACH** – *Bea Trotta, President*

### **Outreach Garden Party Tea a Huge Success!**



Eighty-five residents, friends, and relatives including fifteen young ladies under the age of 18 attended the second annual tea sponsored by Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. to help fund the charities with whom it partners throughout the year. Many who wore colorful and flowery outfits embraced the Garden Party theme. There was an array of hats and fascinators for the *Chapeau* Contest—Chris Collins won the prize for most creative hat. In keeping with the theme, the prize was a gift card to *An Eastridge Garden*, donated by Pat Toole.

A “traditional tea” offering finger sandwiches, scones (made by our very own Doris Pullman) with clotted cream and strawberry jam, and sweets (including lemon tarts and pastel edible chocolate flowers) was presented. English tea was served from lovely china teapots into delicate cups and saucers provided by several of our residents. Juice was available as an alternative for the younger guests.

And now, we would like to thank all the people who worked to put this event together and make it a success. Marge Strano did all of the menus, table cards, and signage. Ellen Norman and Doris Pullman lovingly assembled the flower centerpieces. Nancie Cameron and her team, Willie DiLaura, Barbara Rosdail, Teri Nudo, Olivia Mellynychuk (Teri’s granddaughter), Jane Romany, Marge Strano, Terri O’Connell, Ginny McKaig, Dot Abbott, and Doris Pullman provided all the food offerings. Anita Morris did a terrific job at selling raffle tickets. A host of Outreach members pitched in Saturday afternoon to set up the tea tables.

There were three raffle prizes: four hand-painted beer mugs were created and donated by Dorthea Turek and won by Rebecca Rodriques (a young guest); an original painting by Bel Barbalace was donated by Carol Hodges and won by Hannah Quigley (a young guest); and a tea set was donated by Bea Trotta and Marge Strano and won by our own Ellen Norman. The centerpieces were awarded as door prizes along with two baskets of assorted themed items stunningly assembled by Chris Collins.

The highlight of the event was a fashion show provided by Mimi’s Closet of Chestertown and Easton. Owner Marjorie Adams was the moderator. Models included associates of Marjorie’s, Kathleen King and Stephanie Murphy, and Village residents Lauren Rose, Kathryn Marchi, Anita Dell, Dot Abbott, Helena Joy, and Eleanor Strietman.

It was great fun and a wonderful afternoon for all! See photos from the Tea online on the [Daily Bulletin](#).



### **Neighbor-to-Neighbor Announcements (An Outreach Program)**

- **Brochure**—Neighbor-to-Neighbor is happy to announce a new brochure available online or from your Street Captain as of July 1. You can access the brochure information on the Symphony Website by going to the *Directories* page and clicking the [Neighbor-to-Neighbor](#) page.
- **Neighbor-to-Neighbor Needs Volunteers to Serve as Street Captains and to Help with the Memorial Book**—Due to increasing numbers of residents in SV, we need Street Captains to cover new

sections of our neighborhood. We especially need help on the 400-500 blocks and the 600-800 blocks of Harmony Way. Street Captains generally act on resident requests for help, call neighbors in need of assistance, and call residents who are willing to make meals on a temporary basis in the event of an emergency. Street Captains also provide information, visit neighbors in need, and send sympathy, get-well, and congratulatory cards when appropriate. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We would also like to acknowledge C.C. Terry, Barbara Rosdail, DeAnn Cheyne, and Peggy Andrews who recently joined our group. We are also in need of one or two residents to help Ellen Miller and Brenda Stoltz with the Memorial Book.

Please join us in this worthwhile and rewarding service. Call Marge Strano (410-758-2511) if you are interested or have any questions.

## **PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION**—*Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair*

**Nextdoor Symphony Village**—We now have 275 members on Nextdoor. Be sure to invite your neighbor if you see on the map that they haven't been invited yet. To avoid getting too many emails, click on your name in the upper right hand corner when you are on Nextdoor. Choose **Settings** and then **Email**. Some members may want all messages sent immediately. Others may want only a daily digest of the posts (or a mixture). If your committee is having an event, you might want to click on **Events** on the left menu and post the event. It is very useful for members checking the posts to see the event at the bottom as a constant reminder.

**Articles**—The editors of the *Libretto* are always eager to get your recipes, restaurant reviews, and travel articles (for both long and day trips). The editors are Marge Strano, Brenda Stoltz, and Carol Hodges.



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## **SNEAKERS**—*Linda Farrar, President*

**Cubby Chorale Performs a "Thank You" Concert at SV Clubhouse**—The second grade Cubby Chorale from Centerville Elementary School sang six upbeat and inspiring songs in thanks for the many Sneaker donations of books and volunteer help. Several songs were dedicated to our veterans. The children enjoyed the baked cookie treats that we provided for them.

**November Silent Auction**—We have begun to collect new/unused items for the November auction and would appreciate your support. In addition, please consider donating your professional services, talents, skills, vacation properties, fishing charters, theater/sports tickets, etc. to our fundraiser. Please call Amy Marotta (443-262-8807), Terri O'Connell (443-928-3368), or Helena Joy (410-758-6532) with any questions or concerns regarding donation ideas. Our cutoff date for all donations is September 30.

**QACHS Scholarships**—Since the May **Libretto** went online, Sneakers has donated seven scholarships (totaling \$4,000) to QACHS seniors. Also, \$1,350 was donated for scholarships to Centerville Middle School students for their Outdoor Education program at North Bay.

**Chess Night**—The Chess Clubs of Kennard Elementary and Grasonville Elementary enjoyed a chess night at our Clubhouse on June 4. Thank you to all of our servers who helped with the food and cookies for this wonderful event.

**QACPS Staff Luncheon**—On June 18 and 19, many volunteers from our community will help distribute lunch to the QACPS staff as they attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the **Ride The Digital Wave** training. In addition, over 20 volunteers from our community will make cookies for the staff's afternoon snack on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting**—June 17 at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

## **CLUBS AND CLASSES**

### **Dining In**—*Jinny Guy*

Sadly, we bid farewell to Nancy Pashby, who is leaving Symphony Village in favor of living near her new granddaughter. Imagine! While her shoes will be difficult to fill, I'm going to try to organize Dining In beginning in July. There will be no Dining In for the month of June. Please watch for sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse and reminders both in the **Libretto** and on Nextdoor Symphony Village. So, come and enjoy this enjoyable evening once a month. I hope more and more of you will join in the very near future.

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### **New Coffee Bar at Clubhouse**

We now have a 24/7 self-serve coffee bar at the SV Clubhouse! A large Keurig pot (courtesy of Marge Strano!) has been set up on the cabinet to the left of the bar. For \$1 you can make yourself a cup of hot *joe*. We will have K-cups (regular and decaf) in the top drawer, coffee cups, sugar/artificial sweetener, coffee creamer, stirrers

and a new basket to the right to throw out the trash. The water reservoir can be filled at the sink behind the bar. We will leave a pitcher to use for refills. This operation must be financially self-sustaining to continue; so don't forget to put your \$1 fee in the designated container. Enjoy!

## Gazebo Garden Club and Victory Garden—Jack Hennessey



June, with its June bugs, is here. We have put out some beetle traps to help save our flowers and plants. With the help we had, we did the best we could to get the Gazebo Garden in shape for Memorial Day. We will work even harder for the Fourth of July celebrations. First the good news--there are 20 beds in the garden, and there are 20 names on our list of gardeners. Now the bad news—seven of those gardeners are no longer active, for one reason or another. One gardener has passed away, and six have other commitments. We had one new person sign up and another new resident who will become active in two months. Three gardeners each take care of two beds, so we still have room for more volunteers. To volunteer, call Jack at 410-758-4872. An email will be sent to all active gardeners to schedule a group activity to get the garden ready for the Fourth.

There are 12 plots in the Victory Garden and a resident to work each plot. Fortunately, we have had lots of rain, so watering has not been a problem. In case of drought, Diane Briggs has agreed to let us use her faucet for watering. We will reimburse her for any overruns on her water bill. It won't be long before the tomatoes start producing, so be nice to the Victory Gardeners! They will share their bounty.

We have a few purple martins nesting in the gazebo martin house, but not as many as in past years. It is a constant problem to keep robins and sparrows from nesting in the gazebo. Several residents have been having picnic lunches in the gazebo, where there is always a nice breeze. Hope to see you all on the Fourth!

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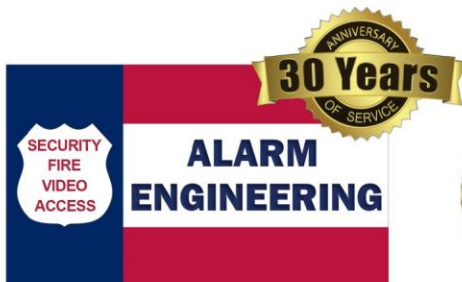
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## **Social Singles**—Carol Donnelly and Joyce Brown, Co-Chairs

**MEETING SCHEDULE AND PLANNED EVENTS**—Social Singles meets the second week of the month/ sliding days. We had a very productive Breakfast Meeting June 9 at The Creamery. Our numbers are increasing and our enthusiasm is growing. See the Activities Book for our coming events; come join us!

- **Next Meeting**—July 8, Wednesday, 10 a.m. at The Creamery meeting room--Planning: Cape May/Crab Deck event and possible trip to Catoctin Colorfest Craft Show, Thurmont, Maryland—to be discussed at our July meeting. Sandy Beane is gathering information!!
- **Colorfest Craft Show, Thurmont, Maryland**— Enjoy the Annual Catoctin Colorfest Craft Show. The Colorfest will be featuring over 300 artists from across the United States including glass blowing, broom making, wood turning, dulcimer crafting, and wood carving of flowers. Also a wide selection of delicious food is available to satisfy everyone's appetite. Cost: \$40
- **August Meeting**—Meeting, Thursday, August 6 at 10 a.m. at The Creamery meeting room.

### **Coming events:**

- **July 15--Dinner and Fun at the Jetty Restaurant.** Thanks to Lois Winegardner, who inquired about a mini-bus to pick us up in the parking lot at 4 p.m. So far, nine people have signed up. The bus holds 20; so if you are interested, sign up in the Activities Book. Reservation numbers will be called in on Friday, July 10.
- **August:** Possible dinner at the Crab Deck: date and time TBD.



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- **September: Trip to Cape May:** Found an amazing house that has nine bedrooms and ten bathrooms: available any time last two weeks in September! Possibly a three-day trip and a ride on the Lewes-Cape May Ferry.
- **October 28, Wednesday: Day trip to the Allenberry Resort Inn and Playhouse: "Sleuth: a Play by Anthony Shaffer."** (Thanks Dorthea!!) Cost of trip is \$78 per person. Ten of us have paid the \$20 deposit. Balance due September 23. Joyce and I drove there today and made deposits and have deposit receipts and money due for each of you. Sponsored by the Grasonville Senior Center—410-827-6010. They have five more seats available. This is a day trip: Departs 7:30 a.m. Grasonville -- Return to Grasonville at 5:45 p.m.

### Symphony Village Quilters—*Carlene Cooke*

The Symphony Village Quilting Group held a sew-a-thon on May 19 at Cindy Backer's house to work on quilts for Hospice. Many of the quilts were made using fabric donated by a gentleman in Joan Hennessey's church whose late wife was a quilter with a lot of beautiful fabric. It was a fun day with about 13 ladies participating. Five quilt tops were finished and everyone also enjoyed lunch and great camaraderie. Cindy completed the quilts and then delivered them to Hospice.

After a 'field trip' to Dagsboro and lunch with Lauren Rose in Ocean City in June, the Quilting Group will go on vacation until



September. That means no meetings; however, we will continue to sew. ☺ We love new members, so please contact Carlene Cooke by phone or email, [carlene.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:carlene.cooke@gmail.com) or just show up at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday in September in the Craft Room at the Clubhouse.




## Reading for Fun Book Club—Jack Hennessey

At our May 19 meeting, we discussed the novel, *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, written by Karin J. Fowler. DeAnn Cheyne recommended this book. Joan Hennessey led the discussion since DeAnn was out of town. Rosemary, the daughter of a college professor, narrates the story. Rosemary believed that she and her sister Fern were twins. When she is five years old, Rosemary is sent for a week’s visit to her grandparents. She feels that she is being punished. On her return, the thrill-seeking Fern is gone—never to be seen again. There are no explanations.


Rosemary’s brother, Lowell, absconds, commits a series of crimes in the name of animal rights, and becomes a fugitive from the FBI. Well into the story, it is revealed that Fern is really a chimpanzee! The girls’ imposed sisterhood was part of an animal-human behavior experiment conducted by their psychologist father. Now 22, Rosemary is at college and is confronted by a strange classmate, Harlow, who forces Rosemary to confront her strange past. The novel explores the relationship between humans and chimps, with startling results. Read the story to see how the situation is resolved. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book received a rating of 7.9.

The book recommended by Pat Loiacano for our June 16 meeting is *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell*, by Nadia Hashimi. This novel gives a fascinating look at the lives of two Afghan women, a great-grandmother and her great-granddaughter, separated by generations and by miles. The story is set mainly in Kabul, the capital, in 2007. The streets are ruled by the Taliban. With a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima and her four sisters can rarely leave their house or attend school. They resort to the ancient custom of *bacha posh*, which allows young Rahima to assume the identity of a boy until she reaches marriageable age. We find that her great-great-grandmother, Shekiba, had gone through the same process to form a life for herself. The novel interweaves the stories of these two remarkable women who are separated by a century, but share the same courage and dreams. This is a “must read”!

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**SV Tennis**—Larry Miller

The Tennis courts were recently repaired, and a new windscreen was installed on one court. Due to the summer heat, the tennis schedule has been changed to 9 a.m. starting time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. See you on the courts.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**NOT A BEACH PERSON?**—by Pat Scheirer



There is more to Ocean City, Maryland, than just sun, surf, and sand. If you don't want to idle your time away sitting on the beach listening to the waves crashing on shore, feeling the warm glow of the sun—wait a minute, this is all sounding way too good. The point is, there are other things to do in OC. If your children want to spend the day getting a glorious tan and your grandchildren want to play in the surf, drop them off with their beach chairs, umbrellas, and the all-important cooler filled with the requisite snacks, drinks, and lunch. Then take off.

Totally off the beaten path is [Dennis Thrift Shop](#) in Bishopville (13308 Hatchery Road, Bishopville). You don't necessarily go there to buy, just to be amazed at all the “junque”— and yes, there is some real junk. At [Sea Shell City](#) across the border in Delaware, you can be wowed at the vast collection of shells and then spend hours upstairs at the [Lost Ships Museum](#). Ready for a treat? [King Kone](#) (14300 Coastal Highway) ice cream (you'll know it by the gorilla outside) has a “dare you to eat sundae” and if you successfully get through it, you can get your name on the wall forever. Stop in and see how many people have managed to down this gooey conglomeration over the years. Movies, laser shows, and fireworks at night and [Sundaes in the Park](#) on Sundays. There is also [The Freemont Stage](#) which has dance, theatre, music, children's shows, and special concerts. Some of these events at The Freemont are free, and as an added bonus, food vendors and crafters surround the theater for your convenience.

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## American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

SV residents are cordially invited to participate in the following events:

- **Father's Day Brunch: Sunday, June 21:** \$9
- **Bikes and Burgers:** Bikes and Burgers will take place on **Saturday, June 27**, noon – 5 p.m. *Sleep Thru Sunday* will provide live music. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Proceeds fund local charities. The rain date is Sunday, June 28.

For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584.

## HELPFUL HINTS!—By Tom Scull

- **Solar Panels**—Residents whose houses have solar panels should check the gutter on the side where the panels are located. I found multiple pieces of shingles, one of which was over the downspout. Water was pouring over the top of the gutter during a recent heavy rain.
- **TSA Quick Lane for Security Checks at Airport**—You can apply online and set up an appointment for fingerprinting to obtain a number that will allow you to bypass the normal line for security checks at the airport. The cost is \$85 for five years. We traveled to Dover for the fingerprinting and it was a painless process--in and out in 15 minutes.
- **Centreville United Methodist Church Signing Service:** If anyone is interested, please send Tom Scull an email. He will respond to let you know at which service the interpreter for the deaf will be signing. She rotates between the 8:40 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service.

### JUNE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. *Who sailed the ocean blue in fourteen hundred and ninety two?*
2. *Who explored Florida in 1513?*
3. *Who conquered the wealthy Inca Empire in 1531-1535*
4. *Who was the first explorer to circumnavigate the globe?*
5. *Who was the first European to visit Hawaii in 1776?*



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## RESTAURANT REVIEW

### Luisa's Cucina Italiana—by Marge Strano

While taking a leisurely ride through Chestertown a few weeks ago, we came upon *Luisa's Cucina Italiana* located at 849 Washington Avenue in Chestertown, a short distance from Washington College. Our Symphony Village neighbors, Patty and Andy Parks, told us that Luisa's is one of their favorite restaurants. The restaurant recently moved from the strip mall to a beautiful stone building on Washington Avenue adjacent to Washington Square.

Upon entering the restaurant, we were greeted by a friendly hostess and an inviting aroma from the wood-burning pizza oven and a view of a beautiful and comfortable bar. There are two main dining rooms—one upon entering to the right and a larger dining room in the back with large windows. There is also a small outside



terrace with tables and a take-out service room with several tables to the left of the main entrance. We were escorted to our table in the comfortable and relaxing dining room in the back.

Luisa's menus include a variety of both Southern and Northern Italy dishes. The lunch and dinner menus include appetizers, *contorni* (sides), a wonderful list of salads, and a variety of chicken, veal, pasta, seafood, and other oven-baked dishes. Prices for lunch entrees start at \$9 and do not rise much above \$11, with a couple of exceptions in the seafood selections. Likewise, dinner selections start at \$9 for pasta and do not rise much above \$20, with a few exceptions for seafood. There is a wide variety of food on the menu for all tastes and appetites including vegetarian selections, such as Eggplant Parmigiana; Tortellini Emiliani made with egg pasta, Parmesan cheese, fresh mushrooms, tomatoes, and broccoli with a delicate cream sauce; or perhaps a side of spinach, broccoli, or mushrooms to compliment a Mozzarella Caprese. Luisa's features a full selection of thin-crust pizza. You can order your favorite pizza—possibly a Margherita Pizza at \$10.95 or perhaps a Hawaiian Pizza for \$11.95. You may also be interested in a catering menu that includes a large choice of entrees accommodating a wide variety of tastes and appetites.

Luisa's has a good selection of beer and wines by the bottle or by the glass to complement entrée selections. In addition to the usual variety of soft drinks that restaurants offer, Luisa's has special coffees and lattes on the menu. Luisa's uses local meats and vegetables whenever possible. All in all, we enjoyed our dining experience and recommend that you go to Luisa's for dinner or lunch soon.

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## Recipe of the Month

From the Kitchen of Nancy Pashby

### Barbecue Meatballs

#### Sauce

¼ cup sugar

1 cup catsup

¼ cup Worcestershire Sauce

2 T vinegar

Combine above ingredients in a saucepan. Cook until bubbly.

#### Meatballs

1 pound extra-lean ground beef

1 onion, diced

½ cup crushed saltines

2 T milk

Salt and pepper

1 tsp chili powder

Form above ingredients into balls

Place meatballs on a cookie sheet lined with foil and bake at 450 degrees until brown, about 10 minutes.

Place baked meatballs in a casserole.

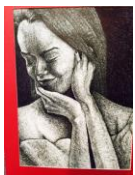
Cover with sauce.

Bake at 325 degrees about 35 minutes or until bubbly.

Cover last ten minutes.

## UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

### Exhibit: "Eye of the Beholder"



The Queen Anne's County Arts Council will host an exhibit, "Eye of the Beholder," on **June 17 – July 24** at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville.

Artists in all mediums and genres will exhibit their original work in drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, glass, ceramics, mixed media, and more.

### Paint Brush Party

The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush

Party on **Friday, June 19**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. While



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sipping wine and listening to music, participants are guided step by step to create your own version of the evening's featured painting. No art experience required. Partygoers are provided with all the materials needed to complete a 16"x20" painting to take home. The cost is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reserve a spot by calling 410-758-2520.

### **Top Chef Retreat**



This spring's [Top Chef Retreat](#) will take place **June 19 - 20** at the Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center (RCC) (136 Bookers Wharf Road) in Centreville. Sharpen your cooking skills, and learn techniques such as braising, searing, grilling, knife work, and bread baking. Using the RCC kitchen, Chef Chris will teach a variety of classic-cooking basics that you can use in your own kitchen. Retreat participants will stay in hotel-style Riverview Retreat Center guest rooms. The cost is \$199 per person single occupancy and \$149 per person double occupancy. Retreat fees include one night accommodation, meals (Friday evening snack through Saturday dinner), and program fees. Register on the website.

### **“Caring for Your Family Treasures, with Q&A”**



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Library will present “Caring for Your Family Treasures, with Q&A” on **Tuesday, June 23**, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Vicki Lee, Director of Preservation and Conservation at the Maryland State Archives, will share information on how to best store and handle your various family treasures. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the lecture. Participants may bring 1 object to receive a brief consultation. Vicki specializes in books and paper. ([Library Events](#))

### **Thursdays in the Park**



The 2015 [Thursdays in the Park](#) free concert series will kick off on **Thursday, June 25**, 7 p.m., at Millstream Park in Centreville when Wheelhouse will perform. Bring a picnic basket and chairs or a blanket and enjoy the high energy of an emerging local band.

### **4th Annual Two Rivers Bike Ride**



The [Two Rivers Bike Ride](#) will take place on **Saturday, June 27**, along the scenic Corsica and Chester Rivers. The event benefits Wye River Upper School's financial aid fund and the Corsica River Conservancy. Rain date is July 5. See the website for all the details.

### **Town of Centreville Fireworks**



The Town of Centreville will host Fireworks on **Saturday, June 27**, beginning at 9 p.m. Rain date is July 5. ([Town of Centreville](#))

### **Annual Block Party**



The Block Party will take place on **Friday, July 10**, 6 – 9 p.m., on W. Water Street in Centreville. This is a free family event.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.

#### ***Trivia Answers***

***1. Christopher Columbus 2. Juan Ponce de Leon 3. Francisco Pizarro 4. Ferdinand Magellan 5. James Cook***

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